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A N N O R E G N I
GEORGI III.

REGIS *Magna-Britanniae, Francie et Hiberniae*, tertio.

At a GENERAL-ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the CAPITOL, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on Tuesday the 26th of *May*, in the 1st Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE III. by the Grace of GOD of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c and in the Year of our LORD 1761, and from thence continued by several Prorogations to Thursday the 19th of *May*, 1763, in the third Year of his Majesty's Reign; and then held at the CAPITOL, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the Fifth Session of this General-Assembly.

FRANCIS
FAUQUIER,
Esq; Gover-
nour.

C H A P T E R I.

An Act for continuing and appropriating the additional Duty upon Slaves, and the Taxes upon Wheel-Carriages, Ordinary Licenses, and original Process, and for other Purposes therein-mentioned.

WHEREAS by an Act of General-Assembly, passed in the Twenty-Seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, of happy and glorious Memory, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the Mississippi*, the Treasurer of this Colony was empowered to borrow a Sum of Money, not exceeding Ten Thousand Pounds, for the Purposes mentioned in the said Act; and an additional Duty of Five per Centum on the Amount of the Sale of all Slaves imported, and a Tax on Wheel-Carriages, Ordinary Licenses, and original Process, was laid and imposed, to continue for Three Years, which, and the Revenue arising from former Duties on Liquors and Slaves, was declared to be and remain as a Security for the Payment of the Money so to be borrowed, with an Interest of Six per Centum per Annum, until the same was paid; and by several subsequent Acts the said additional Duty and Taxes were continued until the Fourteenth Day of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Five.

Preamble

AND whereas, by another Act, passed in the Thirty-Fourth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty, entitled, *An Act for appointing Persons to receive the Money granted, or to be granted, by the Parliament of Great-Britain to his Majesty for the Use of this Colony*, the said Treasurer was empowered and required, out of the Money that should come to his Hands from Bills of Exchange drawn as thereby directed, to pay off and discharge all publick Debts bearing Interest, pursuant to which Direction the said Ten Thousand Pounds so borrowed, and all Interest due thereon,

The Clerk of the Court of Chancery, in and for the County of Stafford, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of the original of the said Act, as the same is now in force.

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hath been fully paid and discharged, since which the Duties and Taxes imposed by the first-mentioned Act have been applied towards the sinking the Treasury-Notes, although no Law hath hitherto directed such Application; and as the said Taxes have not been found inconvenient, the continuing them to the Period at which the other publick Taxes are to cease, and applying them towards securing the final Redemption of the Treasury-Notes, to supply any possible Deficiency in such other Taxes, may tend to preserve the Credit of our Paper Money.

III. *BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgeses, of this present General-Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same,* that so much of the said Act, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the Mississippi,* and of the subsequent Acts for continuing and amending the same, as relates to the imposing, collecting, and accounting for the said additional Duty on Slaves and the Taxes on Wheel-Carriages, Ordinary Licenses, and original Process, shall continue and be in Force from and after the said Fourteenth Day of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Five, for and during the Space of Five Years, and no longer.

Owners of
Wheel-Car-
riages to give
in a List an-
nually.

IV. *PROVIDED* always, that the Owners of such Wheel-Carriages shall be obliged, during that Term, to give in a List of the same annually to the Justice appointed to take the List of Tithables, in like Manner, and under the same Penalty, as is directed in and by an Act passed at the last Session of this Assembly, entitled, *An Act for the better and more regular collecting the publick Taxes,*

Duties and
Taxes how to
be applied.

V. *AND be it further Enacted,* that the Money to be raised by the Duties and Taxes imposed by this and the first recited Act shall stand, be, and remain, as an additional Security for the Redemption of the several Treasury-Notes now in Circulation; and *John Robinson, Esquire, Treasurer of this Colony, or the Treasurer for the Time being, appointed by or Pursuant to Act of Assembly, is hereby required to apply all such Money as shall come to his Hands for the said Duties and Taxes for and towards the Redemption of the said Treasury-Notes, and to no other Use whatsoever, any Thing in the said former Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.*

Tax on
Wheel-Car-
riages to be
collected for
the present
Year.

VI. *AND* whereas an Opinion has prevailed, from a Misconstruction of the said Act, *For the better and more regular collecting the publick Taxes,* that the said Tax on Wheel-Carriages is not to be collected for the present Year, as the Time appointed for taking the Lists of Tithables is too late to admit of such Collection: *BE it therefore further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Tax upon Wheel-Carriages, for this present Year, shall be collected, levied, and accounted for, according to the Directions and Regulations in the said Act, for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the Mississippi, any Thing in the other Act to the contrary, or seeming to the contrary, notwithstanding.*

Sheriffs ex-
empted the
Privilege of
replevying.

VII. *AND* whereas, by an Act passed in the Twenty-Second Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty, entitled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of insolvent Debtors,* it is, among other Things, enacted that where any Execution is served on the Debtor's Estate, and such Debtor shall within Five Days, or at the Time of Sale, tender sufficient Sureties, approved of by the Creditor, to be bound with him to pay the Debt and Costs, with lawful Interest for the same, to such Creditor, within Three Months, the Sheriff or Officer shall restore the Estate so taken; and it is not reasonable to extend the said Indulgence to Sheriffs, whose Estates are taken in Execution for Money by them received for his Majesty's Quitrents, or the publick Taxes: *BE it therefore further Enacted,* that the said Indulgence shall not be construed to extend to any Sheriff, or his Securities, whose Estates shall be taken in Execution upon a Judgment obtained for his Majesty's Quitrents, or the publick Taxes, nor to any Under-Sheriff, or his Securities, whose Estates shall in like Manner be taken in Execution upon a Judgment for such Quitrents and Taxes collected by such Under-Sheriff; but that the Officer taking such Estate in Execution shall proceed immediately to Sale thereof, notwithstanding such Security shall be tendered, in the same Manner as if the before-recited Clause in the said Act had never been made: And, for the better Direction of such Officer, the Clerk issuing such Execution shall endorse thereon that no Security is to be taken.

The Clerk to
endorse on
Executions
that no Se-
curity is to be
taken.



VIII. AND whereas it is represented to this Assembly that the Bonds entered into by some of the Sheriffs in this Colony have been lost, or mislaid in the Clerk's Office, for Want of which Judgments cannot be obtained against them, or their Security, for the Money they are indebted for the said Quitrents and Taxes: For remedy wherein, *BE it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that notwithstanding such Bonds shall be so lost, or mislaid, if it shall appear upon the Records of the Court before whom such Bonds were respectively entered into that the same were executed by such Sheriff and Securities, it shall be lawful for the General-Court, or County-Court, upon the Motion of the Receiver-General, or Treasurer, and due Notice given, to enter Judgment against such Sheriff and Securities, for the Quitrents or Taxes for which such Sheriff is accountable, in the same Manner as if such Bond was produced.*

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Remedy how
the Courts are
to proceed
when Sheriffs
Bonds are lost.

CHAPTER II.

An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors, for the effectual Discovery and more equal Distribution of their Estates.

WHEREAS an Act, passed at the last Session of this General-Assembly, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors, for the effectual Discovery and more equal Distribution of their Estates*, has been thought injurious to the Credit of this Colony, and may be of evil Consequence to the Trade thereof, if the same was allowed to commence and be in Force: *BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgesses, of this present General-Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that the said recited Act, and every Clause thereof, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and made void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.*

CHAPTER III.

An Act for establishing a better Method of appointing Sheriffs.

WHEREAS by an Act of Assembly, passed in the Thirty-Second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, *An Act prescribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein*, it is, among other Things, enacted that the Governour or Commander in Chief may, if he think fit, continue any Sheriff in his Office Two Years next succeeding each other, and such Person may accept and execute the same Two Years successively, and no longer.

II. AND whereas it is found inconvenient to remove Sheriffs from their Office before they have completed the Collection of his Majesty's Quitrents and the publick Taxes of the Year, and on that Account the general Appointment of Sheriffs in the Month of October will be of publick Advantage, but that Regulation must be interrupted where the Death or Misconduct of any Sheriff makes the commissioning of another at a different Time necessary, which will fix all future Appointments in such County to the same Time, as under the aforesaid Act the Governour is restrained from continuing the Sheriff longer than Two Years.

Sheriffs not to
be removed
before the
Collection of
the Taxes of
the Year shall
be completed.

III. FOR remedy wherein, *BE it Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgesses, of this present General-Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that the Governour or Commander in Chief may, if he thinks fit, continue the present Sheriffs in Office until the Twenty-Fifth Day of October next after their Two Years Continuance therein shall expire; and that when by the Death, or Removal from Office, of any Sheriff, another shall be appointed at any other Time than in the Month of October, the Governour or Commander in Chief may, if he thinks fit, continue such Successour in Office until the Twenty-Fifth Day of October next after his Two Years Continuance therein shall expire, any Thing in the said recited Act, or any other Act, to the contrary, notwithstanding.*

Governour
may continue
Sheriffs.

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C H A P T E R IV.

An Act for further continuing and amending the Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein-mentioned.

I. **W**HEREAS the Act of Assembly made in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein-mentioned*, which hath been continued by several Acts, and amended by one other Act made in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, will expire on the Twelfth Day of April next, and it being necessary that the same should be further continued:

II. *BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgeses, of this present General-Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that the said recited Acts of Assembly, made in the Nineteenth Year of his said late Majesty's Reign, and in the First Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, and every Clause and Article thereof, shall continue and be in Force from and after the said Twelfth Day of April next, for and during the Term of Two Years, and no longer.*

III. *PROVIDED* always, and be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act all and every Surveyor of Lands shall be resident in the County whereof he is Surveyor during the Time he shall continue in Office, under the Penalty of forfeiting Ten Pounds current Money for every Month he shall reside out of the same, one Moiety of which shall be to the King, his Heirs and Successors, for the better Support of this Government, and the contingent Charges thereof; and the other Moiety to the Informer.

Surveyor of
Lands to be
resident in the
County
whereof he is
Surveyor.

C H A P T E R V.

An Act to reduce the Duty on Northern Rum.

I. **W**HEREAS by an Act of Assembly, made in the Twenty-Eighth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, of happy and glorious Memory, entitled, *An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum, and other distilled Spirits, not being the Produce of his Majesty's Sugar Islands*, an additional Duty of Fourpence per Gallon was laid on all Liquors imported into this Colony by Land or Water from any Port or Place whatsoever, except from Great-Britain, or some of his Majesty's Sugar Colonies, which was continued by Two other Acts, made in the Thirtieth and Thirty-Second Years of his said late Majesty's Reign, until the first Day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six.

II. *AND* whereas it will be advantageous, and for the Benefit of the Trade of this Colony, to take off the said additional Duty: *BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgeses, of this present General-Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act the said additional Duty be discontinued, any Thing in the said recited Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.*

C H A P T E R VI.

An Act for adding sundry Persons to the Committee appointed to correspond with the Agent of this Colony.

I. **W**HEREAS by an Act of Assembly, made in the Thirty-Second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, *An Act appointing an Agent*, it is, among other Things, enacted and declared that the Ho-

nourable William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes and Peter Randolph, Esquires, John Robinson, Peyton Randolph, Charles Carter, Richard Bland, Landon Carter, Benjamin Waller, George Wythe and Robert Carter Nicholas, Esquires, shall be a Committee of Correspondence to transmit such Matters and Things to the said Agent as shall be committed to their Charge by the General-Assembly, and to receive from him Information and Intelligence of his Proceedings, as well in such Cases as shall be to him instructed by the said Committee, or the major Part of them, as in every other Matter and Thing that shall come to his Knowledge that may either affect or be for the Interest of this Colony.

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II. AND whereas, by Reason of the Death of One of the said Committee, and of the remote Distance of several others of them, it is often difficult and inconvenient for the said Committee to meet for the Purposes in the said Act mentioned: BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgesses, of this present General-Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act the Honourable John Blair and Robert Carter, Esquires, Lewis Burwell and Dudley Digges, Esquires, be added to, and are hereby declared to be Part of, the said Committee of Correspondence; and that the said John Blair, Robert Carter, Lewis Burwell and Dudley Digges, shall have, and be vested with, the same Power and Authority, and be liable for any Misdemeanor to the Censure of the General-Assembly, in the same Manner as the said Committee are by the said recited Act of Assembly.

CHAPTER VII.

An Act for giving the Sheriffs a more effectual Remedy against their Under-Sheriffs, and Securities, for Monies received by them for his Majesty's Quitrents, and on Executions and other Process.

I. WHEREAS great Frauds are frequently committed by the Under-Sheriffs; receiving the Money and Tobacco in levying of Executions, and converting the same to their own Use, instead of paying it to the Creditor; to the great Detriment of the just Creditor, and often total Ruin of the Sheriff who employed them: To prevent the like Inconveniences for the future, BE it Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgesses, of this present General-Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act if any Under-Sheriff employed by the Sheriff of any County to act as his Deputy heretofore hath, or hereafter shall make Return upon any Writ of *Fieri Facias*, or *Venditioni Exponas*, that he hath levied the Debt, Damages and Costs, as in such Writ is required, or any Part thereof, and shall not immediately pay the same to the Party to whom the same is payable, or to his Attorney or Agent, or to such Sheriff, or shall return on any Writ of *Capias ad satisfaciendum*, or Attachment, for not performing a Decree in Chancery for Payment of any Sum of Money or Tobacco that he hath taken the Body or Bodies of the Defendant or Defendants, and hath the same ready to satisfy the Money and Tobacco in such Writ mentioned, and shall actually have received such Money and Tobacco of the Defendant or Defendants, or have suffered him, her or them, to escape, with the Consent of such Under-Sheriffs, and shall not immediately pay such Money and Tobacco to the Party to whom the same is payable, or his Attorney or Agent, or to the Sheriff under whom he acts, that then, or in either of the said Cases, it shall and may be lawful for such Sheriff, or the Creditor at whose Suit such Writ of *Fieri Facias*, *Venditioni Exponas*, *Capias ad satisfaciendum*, or Attachment, shall issue upon a Motion to be made to the next succeeding General-Court, or Court of the County wherein such Under-Sheriff acts, to demand Judgment against such Under-Sheriff, and his Securities, for the Money and Tobacco mentioned in such Writ of Execution or Attachment, or so much thereof as shall be returned levied on such Writ of Execution or Attachment as aforesaid, and such Court is hereby authorized and required to give Judgment accordingly, and to award Execution thereupon.

II. PROVIDED always, such Under-Sheriff, and his Securities, have Ten Days previous Notice of such Motion.

*Summary
Remedy given
high Sheriffs
against their
deputies &c.
Custodians*

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III. AND to prevent Disputes between the Sheriffs, and his several Deputies, which of them may have acted in serving of Executions, or other Proceſs, *BE it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* that when any Under Sheriff hath ſerved any Writ of Execution, Attachment, or other Proceſs whatſoever, he ſhall endorſe on the Back of ſuch Writ the Day of the Month he or they ſhall have ſerved the ſame, and ſubſcribe his Name, as well as that of his Principal, to the Return of ſuch Writ or other Proceſs; and every Under-Sheriff failing herein ſhall be liable to the ſame Penalty as by Law is inflicted on the Sheriff for a falſe Return, and to be recovered and appropriated in the ſame Manner.

IV. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* that where the Sheriff of any county heretofore hath, or hereafter ſhall appoint any Perſon to be his Under-Sheriff, to collect the Quitrents due to his Maſteſty within his County, and ſuch Under-Sheriff ſhall neglect or reſuſe to account for and pay ſuch Quitrents by him collected to the Sheriff under whom he acts, or to his Maſteſty's Receiver-General, at the Time by Law appointed for paying of the ſame, it ſhall and may be lawful for the General-Court, or Court of the County whereof he is Sheriff, upon a Motion to them made by ſuch Sheriff or Receiver-General, to give Judgment againſt ſuch Under-Sheriff, and his Securities, for all the Money wherewith he ſhall be chargeable, and thereupon to award Execution.

V. *PROVIDED,* that ſuch Under-Sheriff and Securities have Ten Days previous Notice of ſuch Motion.

CHAPTER VIII.

An Act for amending the Act, entitled, An Act for enlarging the Towns of Fredericksburg and Winchester, the City of Williamsburg, and Town of Dumfries, and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned.

I. **W**HEREAS it is repreſented to this preſent General-Aſſembly that the Act made in the Thirty-Second Year of the Reign of his late Maſteſty King George the Second, entitled, *An Act for enlarging the Towns of Fredericksburg and Winchester, the City of Williamsburg, and the Town of Dumfries,* for ſo much thereof as relates to the Town of *Fredericksburg* hath been found defective in many Inſtances, and not to answer the Purpoſes for which it was intended, and it is therefore neceſſary that the ſame ſhould be amended: *BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgeſſes, of this preſent General-Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the ſame,* that the Directors and Truſtees of the ſaid Town of *Fredericksburg* ſhall, within Six Months after the paſſing of this Act, cauſe the Streets of the ſaid Town to be ſurveyed and laid off, according to the Plan thereof heretofore made, and ſhall cauſe a Stone to be erected at the Corner of every Street, to eſtabliſh and aſcertain the Bounds of the ſaid Streets; and that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Directors and Truſtees to alter any of the ſaid Streets, by and with the Approbation and Conſent of the Proprietors of the Lots adjoining ſuch Streets.

II. AND whereas the Street running between the Lots No. 9, 10 and 17, laid off by the Executors of *Henry Willis*, Gentleman, deceased, great Part of which was afterwards ſold by the ſaid Executors, and the remaining Part of the ſaid Street is of no Benefit or Advantage to the Publick, or the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, upon which remaining Part *Benjamin Grymes*, Gentleman, hath erected and built Part of his Dwellinghouſe: *BE it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Directors and Truſtees to ſell and convey to the ſaid *Benjamin Grymes* the remaining Part of the ſaid Street laid off by the ſaid Executors, upon his paying to the ſaid Directors and Truſtees at the Rate of Ten Shillings for every Foot in Front between the ſaid Dwellinghouſe and the ſaid Lot No. 17; and the Money ariſing thereby ſhall by the ſaid Truſtees, in the firſt Place, be laid out in mending and keeping in Repair the other Streets laid out by the ſaid Executors, and the Reſidue, if any, towards repairing any other of the Streets in the ſaid Town.

III. AND whereas ſeveral of the Streets in the ſaid Town are in ſuch bad Order and Condition that they cannot be repaired without Stone and Timber, and there is no Fund eſtabliſhed for defraying the Expence thereof: *BE it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid,* that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees and Directors to aſſeſs on the Owners and Proprietors of the Lots, and other Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, ſo much Money as will be ſufficient for that Purpoſe, ſo that ſuch Aſſeſſment do not exceed Two Shillings per Poll in each Year, for the Term of Two Years; and, upon Non-Payment thereof, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees and Directors to levy the ſame, or cauſe the ſame to be levied and collected, by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Delinquent's Goods and Chattels, wherein the ſame Proceedings ſhall be had and uſed as in Caſe of Diſtreſs and Sale for Payment of publick Taxes: And moreover it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees and Directors, from Time to Time, to nominate and appoint ſome fit Perſon to overſee the Streets of the ſaid Town, who ſhall have the ſame Power to order the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town to ſend their Hands to work thereon, and the ſaid Overſeer and Inhabitant ſhall be ſubject and liable to the ſame Fines and Penalties for neglecting or reſuſing to do their Duty therein, as are preſcribed, directed and appointed,

by the several Acts of Assembly of this Colony for keeping the Highways and Roads in Repair; and the Inhabitants of the said Town shall be hereafter exempt from attending to repair the other Highways and Roads in the Country. A. D. 1763.

IV. AND whereas the several Acts of Assembly for preventing wooden Chimnies being built in the said Town, and for restraining the Inhabitants from suffering their Hogs and Goats to run at large within the limits thereof, have hitherto proved ineffectual: *BE it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that for every Month any such wooden Chimney shall remain after the First Day of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Four, the Proprietor, or Inhabitant of the House to which the same shall belong, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings; and moreover it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees and Directors to cause such Chimney to be pulled down, and for every Hog or Goat found running at large within the Limits of the said Town the Owner thereof, being an Inhabitant, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One Shilling for every Month the same shall be so found running at large; which several Fines and Forfeitures shall and may be levied and assessed by the said Trustees and Directors in the same Manner as the other Assessments herein before-mentioned, and shall be by them laid out and disposed of for and towards keeping the Streets of the said Town in Repair: and in Case the said Trustees and Directors shall fail to inflict the Penalties imposed by this Act on the several Persons offending herein, it shall be lawful for the Grand-Juries of the said County of Spotsylvania to present the said Offenders; and the Court of the said County, upon Conviction, shall cause the Fines aforesaid to be levied on such Offenders for the Purposes aforesaid.*

V. AND whereas the Act For allowing Fairs to be held in the said Town of Fredericksburg, which proved very advantageous to the Trade and Commerce of the said Town, is expired: *BE it therefore further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Act, made in the Twenty-Fifth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, entitled, An Act for continuing the Act, entitled, An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of Fredericksburg and Richmond, as to so much thereof as relates to the said Town of Fredericksburg, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be revived, and shall be and remain in Force from and after the passing of this Act for and during the Term of Seven Years, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Assembly.*

VI. AND whereas, by an Act of Assembly, made in the Twenty-Fifth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King George the Second, a Town was established in the County of Norfolk, by the Name of Portsmouth, which daily increases; and whereas Thomas Veal, Gentleman, Proprietor of the Land adjoining, hath made humble Request to this present General Assembly that a certain Quantity of the said adjacent Lands may be added to and made Part of the said Town of Portsmouth, and that the Purchasers of the Lots laid off, to be laid off, on the said Lands, may enjoy the same Privileges and Advantages as the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said Town do at present enjoy: *BE it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that so much of the said adjacent Lands as are contained within the Bounds hereafter described, including the said Town of Portsmouth, shall be added to and made Part of the said Town of Portsmouth, to wit: Beginning at a Stake, by the Mouth of a small Creek, opposite to where Daniel Veal now lives; running thence up the said Creek, and crossing a small Creek South Fifty-Nine Degrees West; Fifty-Six Poles thence South; Forty-Six Degrees West; Thirty-Seven Poles to the south Corner of the said Veal's Land, thence South; Thirty Degrees West, One Hundred and Sixty Poles to the Head of Rice Branch; thence down the said Rice Branch South; Twenty-Two Degrees East, Forty-Four Poles to the Head of a Cove issuing out of Crab Creek; thence along the Meanders of the said Cove to the said Crab Creek; thence along the said Crab Creek, according to the Meanders thereof, to the southward Branch of Elizabeth River; thence bounding on the said Branch, and the said River, to the Beginning.*

VII. AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that the Purchasers of Lands within the Bounds aforesaid, hereby added to and made Part of the said Town of Portsmouth, as soon as the same shall be laid off into Lots, and built on as the Directors and Trustees appointed by this Act shall direct, shall be entitled to, and have and enjoy, all the Rights, Privileges and Immunities, granted to, and enjoyed by, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town.

VIII. AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that Andrew Sprowle, George Veal, Thomas Veal, Charles Stuart, Humphry Roberts, Francis Miller, James Rat, David Purcell and Amos Eschridge, Gentlemen, shall be, and they are hereby nominated, constituted and appointed, Directors and Trustees of the said Town; and they, or any Five of them, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to survey and lay off the said adjacent Lands into Lots and Streets, and to make from Time to Time such Orders, Rules and Directions, for the regular and orderly placing and building the Houses in the said Town as to them shall seem expedient: And that in Case of the Death, Removal out of the Country, or other legal Disability, of any one or more of the Directors and Trustees before-named, it shall and may be lawful for the surviving or remaining Trustees to elect and choose so many other Persons in the Room of those so dead or disabled as shall make up the Number of Nine; which Trustees so chosen shall, to all Intents and Purposes, be vested with the same Power as any other in this Act particularly nominated and appointed.

CHAPTER IX.

An Act to empower the Common-Hall of the Borough of Norfolk to assess such Taxes from Time to Time on the Inhabitants thereof as shall be sufficient for keeping and supporting a nightly Watch, and erecting Lamps, within the Limits of the same.

WHEREAS the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of Norfolk, have represented to this present General Assembly that Robberies are frequently committed in the Night-Time within the said Borough; for preventing which they are desirous a Watch may be established, and Lamps erected, within the same, but have no Authority to levy upon the Inhabitants a Tax to answer the Expense thereof:

Penalties for building wood in chimnies & suffering hogs to run at large enforced

Act for allowing fairs in Fredericksburg revised

Certain lots of Thomas Veal added to town of Portsmouth

Trustees Portsmouth

Common hall of Norfolk & other Inhabitants

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II. *BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgeses, of this present General Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by Authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common-Council, of the said Borough, shall have full Power and Authority to levy on the Freeholders and Housekeepers thereof, from Time to Time, a Tax sufficient to defray the Expence of a Watch for the Guard of the said Borough, and for erecting Lamps within the Limits of the same, at such Places as shall be appointed by the Common-Hall of the said Borough.*

III. *AND whereas evil-disposed Persons may be induced to break, or otherwise destroy, such Lamps; BE it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that any Person who shall wilfully break or destroy any such Lamp, being thereof lawfully convicted, by the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, shall, if a free Person, forfeit and pay the Common-Hall of the said Borough the Sum of Fifty Shillings current Money for every such Lamp so broke or destroyed; or if a Slave, being thereof lawfully convicted as aforesaid, shall receive on his or her bare Back Thirty-Nine Lashes; which said Penalty and Punishment any Justice of the said Borough shall, and he is hereby required to assess and inflict: And in Case such free Person shall refuse to pay down the said Sum of Fifty Shillings, or give Security to pay the same within One Month after Conviction, the Person so failing or refusing shall receive Ten Lashes on his or her bare Back by Order of such Justice.*

IV. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that all Fines, levied and received by Virtue of this Act, shall be appropriated to the Support of the said Watch and Lamps.*

V. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that the Persons employed as Watchmen within the said Borough shall be exempted from any Duty as Militia in the said Borough, during the Time they shall serve as Watchmen.*

CHAPTER X.

An Act for altering the Court-Days of the Counties of Stafford and Chesterfield.

I. *WHEREAS the Court-Days of the Counties of Stafford and Chesterfield, as the same now stand, are found to be very inconvenient, as well to the Inhabitants of the said Counties as other Persons whose Business requires their Attendance there:*

II. *BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgeses, of this present General Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that from and after the First Day of August next the Court for the said County of Stafford shall be constantly held on the Second Monday in every Month, and the Court for the County of Chesterfield shall be held on the Third Thursday in every Month; any Law, Usage or Custom, to the contrary thereof, in any Wise, notwithstanding.*

CHAPTER XI.

An Act for altering the Court-Day of the County of Gloucester.

I. *WHEREAS the Court-Day of the County of Gloucester, as the same now stands, is found to be very inconvenient, as well to the Inhabitants of the said County as to other Persons whose Business requires their Attendance there:*

II. *BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgeses, of this present General Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that from and after the last Day of September next the Court for the said County of Gloucester shall be constantly held on the First Friday in every Month; any Law, Usage or Custom, to the contrary thereof, in any Wise, notwithstanding.*

CHAPTER XII.

An Act to empower John Richards, Gentleman, to keep a Ferry to and from the Town of Leeds, in the County of King-George.

I. *WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Assembly in the Twenty-Second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, of happy and glorious Memory, entitled, An Act to empower the Trustees of Leeds-Town to make a Causey through the Marsh opposite thereto, and appointing a publick Ferry, the said Trustees have agreed with John Richards, Gentleman, to make a Causey and Bridge through the Marsh opposite to the said Town, upon the Terms, among other Things, of his being entitled to the Privileges of keeping a Ferry across Rappahannock River, to and from the said Town, and receiving the Profits thereof so long as he shall keep the said Causey and Bridge in Repair, and that he should have for a Landing for such Ferry Fifty Feet Square of Ground, out of Church Lot in the said Town; which Agreement is reasonable, as the said Causey will shorten the Passage at such Ferry, and be a great Convenience to Travellers:*

II. *BE it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgeses, of this present General Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said John Richards, and his Heirs or Assigns, as soon as he or they shall have made and finished the Causey aforesaid through the said Marsh to the high Land in the County of Essex, and erected necessary Bridges over the Guts and Creeks, but not before, to keep a publick Ferry for the Passage of Travellers to and from the said Causey, and to demand and receive Sixpence for a Man and Sixpence for a Horse; and for the Transportation of Wheel-Carriages, Tobacco, Cattle, and other Beasts, may demand and take the Rates*

following, that is to say: For every Coach, Chariot, or Waggon, and the Driver thereof, the same as for Six Horses; for every Cart, or Four-Wheel Chaise, and the Driver of such Chaise, as for Four Horses; for every Two-Wheel Chair, as for Two Horses; for every Hoghead of Tobacco, as for One Horse; for every Head of neat Cattle, as for One Horse; for every Sheep, Goat, or Lamb, One Fifth of the Ferriage of One Horse; for every Hog, One Fourth Part of the Ferriage of One Horse; and no more. And that no Person or Persons presume to set over or transport any Passenger or Beast from the said Causey to the County of *King-George* but the said *John Richards*, his Heirs or Assigns; nor shall the Court of the County of *Essex* have Power to appoint any Ferry at or from the said Causey, so long as the said *John Richards*, his Heirs or Assigns, keep up and support the same, and the Bridges aforesaid, at his or their own proper Costs. A. D. 1763.

III. *AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that the County-Court of *King-George* shall have the same Power and Authority of ordering and directing what Boat or Boats, and the Number of Hands, that shall be kept at such Ferry, and the said *John Richards*, his Heirs or Assigns, shall have and enjoy the same Privileges, and be subject to all the Regulations, Fines and Penalties, that are given, made, laid and inflicted, on Ferry Keepers by an Act of Assembly made in the Twenty-Second Year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An Act for the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries, and for Despatch of publick Expresses.*

C H A P T E R XIII.

An Act for paying the Burgesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly.

I. **W**HEREAS by One Act of Assembly, made in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating the Payment of the Burgesses Wages*, it is, amongst other Things, enacted that when any Session of Assembly should be hereafter held, and upon Examination of the Treasurer's Accounts it should appear that there are Monies sufficient in his Hands to discharge all the Money Debts, together with the Burgesses Wages, and the Salaries and Allowances to the respective Officers of the General-Assembly, saving and reserving in the Hands of the Treasurer, over and above the said Payment, a Balance of Fifteen Hundred Pounds at the least, then every Burgess elected and serving for any County or Corporation within this Dominion should be paid out of the publick Money the Sum of Ten Shillings for each Day he should serve in the House of Burgesses, with such further Allowances, and under such Restrictions and Regulations, as in the said Act is at large directed.

II. *AND* whereas it appears that there is not Money sufficient in the Treasurer's Hands to pay the Burgesses Wages for this present Session of Assembly, leaving in the Hands of the Treasurer a Balance of Fifteen Hundred Pounds, according to the Directions of the said Act; nevertheless, as the Payment of the said Wages in Money will be a great Ease to the poorer sort of People, by lessening the Levy by the Poll:

III. *BE* it Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Burgesses, of this present General-Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that the Burgesses Wages for this present Session of Assembly shall be paid by the Treasurer out of the publick Money in his Hands on or before the Thirtieth Day of *October* next, according to the Directions and Regulations in the said recited Act mentioned, any Thing in the said Act to the Contrary notwithstanding.



*Burgesses
Wages
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